



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 294***

LCO No. 1767



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND THE  
DEPARTMENTS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND  
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-227a of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Developmental Services shall require (1)  
4 each applicant for employment in a Department of Developmental  
5 Services program that provides direct services to persons with  
6 intellectual disability to submit to a check of such applicant's state  
7 criminal background, and (2) each employee in a Department of  
8 Developmental Services program that provides direct services to  
9 persons with intellectual disability to submit to an annual check of  
10 such employee's state criminal background.

11 (b) The commissioner may require private sector service providers  
12 under contract with or licensed by the department to provide  
13 residential, day or support services to persons with intellectual  
14 disability, to require each applicant for employment who will have

15 direct and ongoing contact with persons and families receiving such  
 16 services to submit to a check of such applicant's state criminal  
 17 background. If the department requires such providers to have such  
 18 applicants submit to such checks, the administrative costs associated  
 19 with such checks shall be considered an allowable cost on the annual  
 20 cost report.

21 (c) If such checks are conducted, no applicant shall be hired by the  
 22 department or a private sector service provider until the results of such  
 23 checks are available.

24 Sec. 2. Section 17a-6a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 25 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

26 (a) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall (1) require  
 27 each applicant for a position with the department to state in writing  
 28 whether such person has ever been convicted of a crime or whether  
 29 criminal charges are pending against such person at the time such  
 30 person submits an application, and (2) require each applicant to submit  
 31 to state and national criminal history records checks, in accordance  
 32 with section 29-17a. The commissioner shall also check the state child  
 33 abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k for the name of  
 34 such applicant.

35 (b) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall require each  
 36 employee in a Department of Children and Families program that  
 37 provides direct services to children and youths in the care or custody  
 38 of the department to submit to an annual check of such employee's  
 39 state criminal background, in accordance with section 29-17a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	17a-227a
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	17a-6a

***KID***      *Joint Favorable*

***HS***        *Joint Favorable*